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**AMENDED APPELLANTS' BRIEF (37 CFR § 41.37)**

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**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This amended appeal brief is filed in response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed on October 31, 2006. As required by 37 CFR § 41.37 (c)(1)(vii), Appellants have amended the brief so that each ground of rejection is treated under a separate heading. Further, as required by the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, Appellants have revised the Summary of Claimed Subject Matter to provide a summary of the claimed subject matter of claims 11, 14, 15, 19, 22, and 23 (note that claims 11, 14, and 15 are not listed in the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, however, they are also argued as part of separate groups, and so Appellants are including them, along with claims 19, 22, and 23).

This brief is filed in support of the previously filed Notice of Appeal, filed in this case on June 29, 2006, which appealed from the decision of the Examiner dated March 29, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, and 19-24. Please note that the required fee under 37 CFR §